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MOTION BY THE PORTUGUESE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO THE EAST-TIMOR CONFERENCE

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1. The East-Timor Conference which was held at Carleton University, Ottawa, on the 19th. and 20th. of October, 1989 analyzed in detail the present situation of East-Timor occupied by Indonesia and of the East-Timor people's struggle for self-determination and independence. The Portuguese Parliamentarian Delegation proposes to the conference:

1.1. An escalation of human rights violations in East-Timor has been verified, namely the continuation of massacres, which for a long time have been denounced by the world's public opinion, the arbitrary political arrests of hundreds of Timorese, of which 40 have been tortured and imprisoned, according to the most recent information conveyed by the Catholic Bishop of Timor, Monsignor Ximenes Belo.

1.2. Continuous reports of Timorese refugees in Portugal and in Australia, as well as reports from relevant international organizations committed to the defense of Human Rights, confirm the ongoing forced mass sterilization, the compulsive displacement of entire populations and the adoption of intolerable birth control methods, financed by the World Bank, and the colonization of the territory with alien populations subservient to Djakarta - practices condemned by the United Nations and qualified as crimes of genocide.

1.3. The incessant restrictions of free access to the territory by journalists from all over the world has recently been reinforced through mechanisms of a communications blockade, in order to further isolate East-Timor from the international community.

2. The conference, confronted with the stoic and persistent resistance of the East-Timorese people and with its undeniable right to self-determination and independence, demands:

2.1. The immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the occupation forces.

2.2. The reinstatement of legality, recognizing Portugal as the Administrative power according to United Nations resolutions and decisions, knowing that Portugal is constitutionally bound to promote the prompt self-determination and independence of East-Timor.

3. The Conference expresses its support for the efforts deployed by the United Nations under the auspices of its Secretary General in order to reach a just and equitable solution, internationally acceptable, leading to self-determination and independence of East-Timor thus ending the illegitimate occupation, the destruction of the cultural and historical identity of the Maubere people and the systematic and brutal disregard for human dignity.

4. The Conference calls upon the members of the international community in agreement with all nations, groups and associations committed to the defense of Human Rights, to engage themselves in the adoption of active solidarity measures with the East-Timorese people, isolating Indonesia and its policy of aggression, colonialism and massacre.

Ottawa, 20th October, 1989.

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